

Senate District E Senator

Cathy Giessel, Registered Republican



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PLACE OF BIRTH: Fairbanks, Alaska

SPOUSE'S NAME: Richard

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OCCUPATION: Nurse Practitioner

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: lifetime

ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:

Fairbanks born & raised
Anchorage 1974-present

EDUCATION:

Lathrop High School.
University of Michigan Ann Arbor, BSN.
University of Alaska Anchorage, MSN.

POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:

State Senator 2011-2020

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:

Fellow, American Association of Nurse Practitioners

SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS MEMBERSHIPS:

Alaska Behavioral Health board of directors. Citizens Advisory Board-UAA School of Nursing. Volunteer: Beacon Hill Safe Families for Children. Volunteer: Anchorage School District school-based clinics. Member: Alaska Miners Association. Member: Alaska Support Industry Alliance.

SPECIAL INTERESTS:

fishing, textile arts, hiking, grandchildren

STATEMENT:

I am a lifelong Alaskan and a healthcare professional. It was my privilege to serve in the Alaska Senate from 2011 – 2020. I'm running in the new Senate District E (House districts 9, 10).

I am focused on our economy, education of our youth, and jobs with family-supporting wages.

- Maintaining a balanced budget that does not overdraw the Permanent Fund or require an income tax
- Safe kids, families, and communities where public safety is a basic human right
- Responsible natural resource development
- Education and focus on reading skill acquisition
- Building and maintaining a fully integrated transportation system
- Lowering the exorbitant cost of healthcare and healthcare insurance
- Rebuilding the Port of Alaska...soon!

I work with Republicans, Democrats, and Independents to advance sound public policy. While I am a Republican, my decisions are guided by my values, not political personalities, or political party mandates.

There must be collaborative leadership and a commitment to work together. That will be my goal, if elected. To achieve this, it will take everyone, including community leaders, business leaders, nurses, bankers, & bus drivers, to throw their shoulder to the wheel and work together.

As Alaskans, we share common interests and goals. Let's focus on that common ground and set the differences aside. Together we can work to move Alaska forward in a positive direction.

I have the energy, experience, and commitment to do this work for you. I respectfully ask for your vote. Thank you.